

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-20, 22-26, 28-30, and 32 are currently pending in the application. Claims 2, 21, 27, and 31 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 13, 20, 24, and 29 have been amended. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The drawings stand objected to due to insufficient quality for publication. In response, Applicant has amended the drawings as indicated in the attached replacement drawing sheets.

Claim 21 stands objected to for what the Office Action refers to as confusing language. Claim 21 has been canceled, thus rendering the objection to claim 21 moot.

Claims 1-8, 13-15, and 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,652,412 to Lazzouni et al. ("Lazzouni"). Applicant respectfully submits that Lazzouni fails to teach or suggest at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claim 1, namely, an electronic reading device configuration area comprising an electronic reading device configuration form and the configuration form includes an electronic reading device configuration box.

Lazzouni relates to an information recording apparatus for use with paper having a prerecorded pattern of pixels associated with a writing surface. Each of the pixels contains encoded, optically readable position information that identifies an absolute coordinate position on the writing paper. The information recording apparatus comprises a pen to write on the encoded paper, wherein the position of the pen tip is determined by reading the pattern of pixels and storing the position information in the recording unit.

In contrast to claim 1, there is no teaching or suggestion by Lazzouni of an electronic reading device configuration area comprising an electronic reading device configuration form and the configuration form includes an electronic reading device configuration box. The Office

Action appears to have equated an encoded paper having a prerecorded pattern of pixels containing encoded position information of Lazzouni with a configuration form including an electronic reading device configuration box, as in claim 1. According to Lazzouni, the encoded position permits an absolute position of a pen tip to be determined simultaneously with writing. There is no teaching or suggestion by Lazzouni of a configuration form including an electronic reading device configuration box, as in claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 distinguishes over Lazzouni and is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 as anticipated by Lazzouni is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 3-8 depend from and further restrict independent claim 1 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 1, dependent claims 3-8 distinguish over Lazzouni and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 3-8 is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 13 relates to a system for initializing an electronic reading device. Applicant respectfully submits that Lazzouni fails to teach or suggest at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claim 13, namely, wherein a formatted surface includes a plurality of boxes and each of the plurality of boxes corresponds to at least one alphanumeric character. In Lazzouni, a pen is used to write on an encoded paper. The position of the pen tip is determined by reading a pattern of pixels and the position information is stored in a recording unit. The recording unit contains an electronic representation of a written record on the encoded paper. In contrast to claim 13, there is no teaching or suggestion by Lazzouni of a formatted surface including a plurality of boxes and each of the plurality of boxes corresponding to at least one alphanumeric character. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 13 distinguishes over Lazzouni and is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 13 as anticipated by Lazzouni is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 14-15 depend from and further restrict independent claim 13 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 13, dependent claims 14-15 distinguish over Lazzouni and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 14-15 is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 20 relates to a method for configuring an electronic reading device. Applicant respectfully submits that Lazzouni fails to teach or suggest at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claim 20, namely, wherein a formatted surface comprises an electronic reading device configuration form and the configuration form includes an electronic reading device configuration box.

Lazzouni relates to an information recording apparatus for use with paper having a prerecorded pattern of pixels associated with a writing surface. Each of the pixels contains encoded, optically readable position information that identifies an absolute coordinate position on the writing paper. In contrast to claim 20, there is no teaching or suggestion by Lazzouni of a formatted surface comprising an electronic reading device configuration form and the configuration form includes an electronic reading device configuration box. In Lazzouni, an encoded paper having a prerecorded pattern of pixels contains encoded position information. The encoded position information permits an absolute position of a pen tip to be determined simultaneously with writing. There is no teaching or suggestion by Lazzouni of a configuration form including an electronic reading device configuration box. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 20 distinguishes over Lazzouni and is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 20 as anticipated by Lazzouni is respectfully requested.

Dependent claim 22 depends from and further restricts independent claim 20 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 20, dependent claim 22 distinguishes over Lazzouni and is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claim 22 is respectfully requested.

Claims 9-12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lazzouni in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,990,875 to Bi et al. ("Bi"). Claims 9-12 depend from and further restrict independent claim 1 and therefore also distinguish over Lazzouni. In rejecting claims 9-12, the Examiner has further applied Bi. Bi has been cited as teaching a pen-based computer system that utilizes identification code. Applicant respectfully submits that Bi fails to cure the deficiencies of Lazzouni noted above with respect to independent claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 9-12 distinguish over the cited combination of Lazzouni and Bi and respectfully requests that the rejection thereof be withdrawn.

Claims 16-19 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lazzouni in view of Bi. Claims 16-19 depend from and further restrict independent claim 13 and therefore also distinguish over Lazzouni. In rejecting claims 16-19, the Examiner has further applied Bi. Bi has been cited as teaching a pen-based computer system that compares alphanumeric character with a stored identification code. Applicant respectfully submits that Bi fails to cure the deficiencies of Lazzouni noted above with respect to independent claim 13. Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 16-19 distinguish over the cited combination of Lazzouni and Bi and respectfully requests that the rejection thereof be withdrawn.

Claims 23 depends from and further restricts independent claim 20 and therefore also distinguishes over Lazzouni. In rejecting claim 20, the Examiner has further applied Bi. Bi has been cited as teaching a pen-based computer system that compares alphanumeric characters with a stored identification code. Applicant respectfully submits that Bi fails to cure the deficiencies of Lazzouni noted above with respect to independent claim 20. Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claim 23 distinguishes over the cited combination of Lazzouni and Bi and respectfully requests that the rejection thereof be withdrawn.

Claims 24-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lazzouni in view of Bi. Applicant respectfully submits that the cited combination of Lazzouni and Bi fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claim 24, namely, a first processor for translating detected portions of an address pattern into a data entry. In addition, the cited combination of Lazzouni and Bi fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious a second processor for comparing the data entry to a stored user identifier and for enabling an electronic reading device if the data entry corresponds to the stored user identifier, wherein the data entry and the stored user identifier represent a handwritten signature.

Bi relates to a pen-based computer system device and more particularly to a pen-based computer system with a digitizer that utilizes a passive stylus input device. The system emulates standard two-button mouse functions by generating data packets corresponding to the x-y coordinates of the stylus for each pen-down event. Bi discloses comparing a password with a log-in password stored in a memory. However, the password entered in Bi is entered using a

keyboard and not an electronic reading device by translating detected portions of an address pattern into a data entry. Additionally, since the password in Bi is entered using a keyboard, the password in Bi does not appear to represent a handwritten signature, as in claim 24. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 24 distinguishes over the cited combination Lazzouni and Bi and respectfully requests that the rejection thereof be withdrawn.

Dependent claims 25-26 and 28 depend from and further restrict independent claim 24 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 24, dependent claims 25-26 and 28 distinguish over the cited combination of Lazzouni and Bi and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 25-26 and 28 is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 29 relates to a method for unlocking an electronic reading device. Applicant respectfully submits that the cited combination of Lazzouni and Bi fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claim 29, namely, comparing a data entry with a stored user identifier, wherein the data entry and the stored user identifier represent a handwritten signature.

Lazzouni relates to an information recording apparatus for use with paper having a prerecorded pattern of pixels associated with a writing surface. Bi relates to a pen-based computer system device and more particularly to a pen-based computer system with a digitizer that utilizes a passive stylus input device. The system emulates standard two-button mouse functions by generating data packets corresponding to the x-y coordinates of the stylus for each pen-down event. Bi discloses comparing a password with a log-in password stored in a memory. However, the password entered in Bi is entered using a keyboard and not an electronic reading device by translating detected portions of an address pattern into a data entry. Additionally, since the password in Bi is entered using a keyboard, the password in Bi does not appear to represent a handwritten signature, as in claim 29. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 29 distinguishes over the cited combination Lazzouni and Bi and respectfully requests that the rejection thereof be withdrawn.

Dependent claims 30 and 32 depend from and further restrict independent claim 29 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above

with respect to the rejection of independent claim 29, dependent claims 30 and 32 distinguish over the cited combination of Lazzouni and Bi and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 30 and 32 is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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